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Applicant: Ulf DAHL Batch: A45
Appl. No.: 09/027,585 Group: 2764
Filed: February 23, 1998 Examiner: R. WEINHARDT
For: DATA SECURITY SYSTEM FOR A DATABASE
HAVING MULTIPLE ENCRYPTION LEVELS
APPLICABLE ON A DATA ELEMENT VALUE
LEVEL (AS AMENDED)

LETTER

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

March 7, 2001

Sir:

On pages 2-4 of the paper accompanying the Notice of Allowance mailed January 10, 2001, the Examiner has indicated that the oath of the present application is defective because the present application is not entitled to claim priority of either Swedish Application 9602475-7 filed June 20, 1996 or PCT Application PCT/SE97/01089, filed June 18, 1997, due to a lack of co-pendency. Applicant respectfully submits that a Chapter II Demand was filed in connection with the above-identified PCT application. A copy of the Notification of Receipt of Demand is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's review.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that the present Declaration is not defective, since applicant is entitled to claim priority of the Swedish and PCT applications identified above.

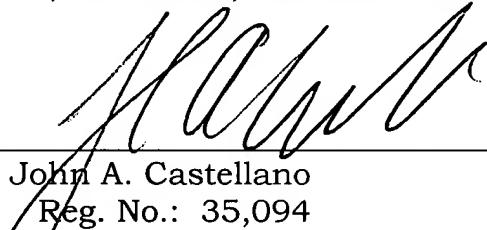
In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in this application the Examiner is invited to contact Mr. John A. Castellano (Reg. No. 35,094) at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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